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Dan Rather to Welcome Foreign Correspondents of the Future

by Bill Holstein

Dan Rather, one of the most distinguished journalists of our era, will address the annual OPC Foundation's scholarship luncheon on Thursday, January 23 at the Yale Club.

The Foundation will award 11 scholarships of \$2,000 each to college students aspiring to become foreign correspondents. Nearly 200 students, a record, applied for the scholarships this year and judging took place in December. The winners come from the University of California at Berkeley, Columbia University, the University of Missouri, New York University, Northwestern University and Miami University of Ohio.

It is the 13th year of this scholarship program and each year the students are impressed by the distinguished media decision-makers they meet at the luncheon and during a day of activities visiting different news organizations.

This year will be no different. Rather has been with CBS News for 40 years and covered many key events—the civil rights struggle, the war in Vietnam,



Dan Rather

Watergate, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Iran-Contra and the war in the Persian Gulf. He is currently anchor and managing editor of the CBS Evening News as well as correspondent on 60 Minutes II.

Rather, a longtime OPC member, began his career in journalism in 1950 as an Associated Press reporter in Huntsville, Texas. He worked his way up the old-fashioned way with stints at UPI, KSAM Radio, KTRH Radio and the *Houston Chronicle*.

Aside from attending the luncheon, which starts at noon and concludes by 2 p.m., the students will visit Reuters and *Newsweek* for informational sessions

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Meet Journalist Ruth Gruber: She Helped Shape History

by Sonya K. Fry

OPC member extraordinaire Ruth Gruber was present for some of the most significant moments in the history of the 20th century, including the Nuremberg trials and the creation of the state of Israel. At the age of 91 she is still combing through her vast storehouse of notebooks that she filled during her career as a journalist. The current memoir is "Inside of Time: My Journey from Alaska to Israel" (Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2003). She has fifteen other books to her credit.

"Inside of Time" covers the period 1941-1952 and chronicles her life as a bureaucrat with the Roosevelt administration and a foreign correspondent for the *New York Post* and *New York Herald Tribune*. Gruber was sent by Harold L. Ickes, FDR's Secretary of the Interior, to Alaska to report on how best to both

settle the territory and preserve its beauty. She continued to work for Ickes

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Ruth Gruber

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Getting the Big Picture: Where Cameras Never Sleep

by Lee Townsend

Four men who look to the sky to find dangers on earth gathered at Club Quarters December 11 to present a frighteningly timely OPC program on covering the "next war" with the aid of high resolution satellite imagery.

Michael Moran, an OPC board member and head of International News and Special Reports at MSNBC.com, was moderator of the discussion—complete with charts and computer presentations that made the meeting room look more like a war room.

Although much of the evening was devoted to speculation about a new war with Iraq, Moran pointed out that in the first Gulf War Saudi Arabia allowed us to use their facilities after being convinced by satellite photos of Iraq's military buildup.

Stressing how much satellite imagery has improved, another panelist, Robert Windrem, Senior Investigative Producer of NBC Nightly News, told of an interview in the 1980s in which CBS's Dan Rather showed CIA Director Stansfield Turner a satellite photo of the devastation at Chernobyl and asked him what the audience was seeing. "Damned if I know," Turner was said to have answered.

The commercial boom in selling



Robert Windrem, NBC Nightly News; Bill Martel, Naval War College; Michael Moran, MSNBC; and John Pike, GlobalSecurity.org pose before a panel discussion that included powerpoint projections of satellite photos.

satellite pictures started in 1994 when the U.S. government officially surrendered its domestic monopoly on the satellite industry.

For years it took two to three weeks to get a satellite photo. Now that time has been reduced greatly. But the panel agreed that getting the photos in real time is still down the road.

Despite giving up its monopoly of satellite imagery the government can keep news organizations from getting pictures by buying the rights itself.

Another panelist was John Pike, Director of GlobalSecurity.org, a satellite imagery provider. He is one of the most frequent television and radio commentators on global affairs. He said some recent important satellite photos have shown a North Korean missile base in January, 2,000, the American plane forced down in China last year, long landing strips built in Qatar that can accommodate U.S. Stealth Bombers, the Afghan operation after the 9/11 attacks,

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Fay Gillis Wells Dies at 94

OPC Founder, Reporter, Daring Pilot

by Al Kaff

Fay Gillis Wells, 94, a founding member of the OPC, pioneer aviator and a correspondent who reported from Europe, Asia, Africa, Hollywood and Washington, died Dec. 2 at a Fairfax, Virginia, hospital of complications from pneumonia after a short illness.

Linton Wells II, her son and only child, told the OPC: "Mom went quickly, and peacefully, but it's perhaps worth noting that the Friday before she went into the hospital she received an award for lifetime contributions to broadcasting and made remarks that generated a standing ovation. That, plus her landing a plane on her 92nd birthday, says a lot about how sharp and energetic she was up to the end.... We will wait until spring to have a celebration of her life."

Fay and 12 other foreign correspondents founded the OPC in 1939. Now only one survives, Robert Benjamin, a Latin American expert who divides his time between Florida and Mexico. Although she lived in Virginia, Fay attended the Club's annual Awards Dinners in New York for years, and she was present, smiling and greeting old friends, at last year's dinner.

Born Oct. 15, 1908, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Fay grew up in various U.S. and Canadian towns, her family moving often to follow the work of her father, Julius H. Gillis, a mining engineer.

She left Michigan State University before graduation to pursue other interests. On Aug. 10, 1929, at age 21, she took her first lesson at the Curtiss Flying School on Long Island and soloed 21 days later. The day after her first solo flight, Fay was a passenger in a plane piloted by her instructor. Steered into aerobatics over Long Island, the plane disintegrated, and she and the instructor parachuted to safety. According to *The New York Times*, Fay thus became the second woman member of the Caterpillar Club, so named because parachute silk came from caterpillars.

Later in 1929, Fay wrote a letter to the 117 licensed women pilots then in the United States asking them to join an organization of women fliers. Acceptances came from 99 women, and they became the "Ninety-Nines," an interna-



Fay Gillis Wells—forever young.

tional organization of licensed women pilots, now with over 6,500 members. The first president of "Ninety-Nines" was Fay's friend, pioneer flier Amelia Earhart.

ON TO RUSSIA

From 1930-1934, Fay and her family lived in the Soviet Union, where her father was building an electrolyte zinc plant. In Russia she covered aviation activities for the *New York Herald Tribune* and as a special reporter for *The*

New York Times and AP. She became the first American woman to fly a Soviet airplane and the first foreigner to own a Soviet glider.

Fay handled logistics in Russia for Wiley Post, another aviation pioneer, on his round-the-world solo flight in 1933. She planned to accompany Post on another globe-circling flight in 1935, but at the last minute she eloped with Hearst's Moscow correspondent Linton

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Ford Exec Offers Cautious View On Road to Recovery

At an OPC breakfast on Dec. 6, Sir Nick Scheele, President and Chief Operating Officer of Ford Motor, acknowledged that his company must conquer big problems if it hopes to restore profitability. But he suggested there are reasons for cautious optimism.

As the world's second-largest automaker, Ford has endured an unrelenting storm of bad news in the past two years, from the Firestone tire episode and the firing of CEO Jacques Nasser to the downgrade of its debt and its shares sliding to a 10-year low. Several major media have run stories highlighting Ford's woes.

"Is it really as dire as has been communicated?" asked former OPC President William J. Holstein, who interviewed Scheele for about a half hour before opening up the discussion to the audience at Club Quarters. About 40 people attended, including representatives from *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *Forbes* and *Nihon Keizai*.

"It's serious. We lost \$5.4 billion last year," conceded Scheele. He cited the Firestone tire recalls and a number of strategic blunders as factors.

Knight Fellowships

The John S. Knight Fellowship Program is inviting applications from Latin American journalists fluent in English to compete for one fellowship each year to study at Stanford.

The program includes nine months of study under special funding from the Knight Foundation.

Applicants must have at least five years of experience as professional journalists. Fellows receive a stipend of \$55,000 plus tuition and other benefits. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2003.

To apply contact: John S. Knight Fellowship Program; Building 120, Room 424, Stanford, CA 94305-2050. Phone (650) 723-4937. Fax: (650) 725-6154. Email: knightfellow@forsythe.stanford.edu – Web site: <http://knight.stanford.edu>



Bill Holstein (right), OPC Foundation President, leads a conversation with Nick Scheele, President of the Ford Motor Company, at the OPC's second Business Breakfast.

Going forward, he said, the company's principle challenges are developing products faster, launching on time, reducing capacity and costs, improving quality and strengthening relationships with suppliers, dealers and employees.

Despite the magnitude of these challenges, Scheele expressed optimism that Ford can get back on track. He noted that the company has in place a sweeping restructuring plan and a new top management team. It also has reverted to a structure that separates North American operations from the rest of the world to improve its focus on its core market.

"The single most important event we have is the launch of the F-series," Scheele stressed, calling the F-series pickup truck the "crown jewel" of Ford. He said the new product line was scheduled to roll out of a Norfolk plant in June and out of a Kansas City plant by September. "Getting that right is absolutely critical," he said.

Because Ford sells so many F-series trucks, making it the No. 1 pickup in the United States, rolling out the new models will be "the equivalent to three or four new vehicle launches," Scheele said.

On the topic of incentive purchase programs, Scheele insisted that Ford was committed to remaining competitive with General Motors and others by continuing to offer 0% financing of US vehicle sales. "The customers happen to like it very much," he remarked, half-jokingly. He noted that the industry as a whole had sold 16.8 million vehicles for the year,

800,000 more than expected. "We are in a competitive environment, the consumer makes it competitive, and we will compete."

As president and COO, Scheele, who is also on Ford's board of directors, is responsible for the global automotive business. He has held a number of executive posts within Ford—most recently as group vice president of Ford North America—since joining the company in 1966. In June 2001, he was awarded a knighthood by the British Queen.

On competition with the Japanese, he acknowledged that Japan was a difficult market due in part to high customer loyalty and unusual selling methods. Nonetheless, Ford is having some success. As examples, he noted that Volvo and Jaguar are "very profitable" and that Explorer and the new Mazda 6 have been well received in Japan (Ford owns a stake in Mazda). He also criticized the Japanese government for trying to drive down the value of the yen, which would help spur the competitiveness of Japanese automakers in the United States.

When asked about the management style of new CEO Bill Ford (Henry's great-grandson), Scheele said his boss was more informal than his predecessors. "Bill is not as keen on big, large, staged meetings. Bill prefers small meetings where no one has to play to the crowd....He likes informal discussions. He likes everyone to talk....He is not one for revisiting, not one for agonizing. It's a

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GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Maryland:

Starting late last year, the U.S. military is offering survivor training to American and foreign journalists. In November, 60 journalists from more than 30 news organizations in three countries started training in several combat situations including firefighting and how to survive nuclear, chemical and biological attacks. Training is designed to prepare reporters, photographers and camera operators for combat coverage. New York's *Daily News* quoted wire services: "The idea is to raise the 'comfort level' between the military and the media so that commanders would welcome more coverage of future operations, the Pentagon said." **Eric Westervelt**, a National Public Radio correspondent who covers the Pentagon and reported from Afghanistan after 9/11, commented: "I just hope this genuinely signals a new era of letting journalists go in on the ground during combat operations." Three more week-long training sessions are planned including one possibly at a U.S. military base in Germany and another with the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia.

BARCELONA: For coverage of 9/11 and its aftermath, *The New York Times* in December was awarded the first Conde de Barcelona prize for international journalism. King Juan Carlos of Spain presented the award to *Times* publisher **Arthur Sulzberger Jr.** The award was organized by *La Vanguardia*, a Barcelona daily.

DACCA: Two European journalists who were investigating Islamic militants and links to terrorist organizations in Bangladesh were expelled in December after being arrested in November for entering the country on tourist visas and posing as teachers. **Zaiba Malik**, 35, of Britain and **Bruno Sorrentino**, 40, an Italian, were detained on Bangladesh's western border with India while filming a documentary for Britain's Channel 4. **Amy Waldman** of *The New York Times* reported: "Bangladesh has denied assertions in news reports as well as recent accusations from Indian officials that it is harboring Islamic terrorists."

EDGECLIFF, Australia: Robin

Hutcheon, former editor of Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post*, took exception to part of the October *Bulletin's* obituary on **Derek Davies**, editor of Hong Kong's *Far Eastern Economic Review*, 1965-1990. "People" reported that Davies took over the weekly news magazine when it consisted of a few newsprint pages and built it into a major source of news, comment, political analysis, and economic and business developments in Asia. But Hutcheon wrote to this column: "Far from being a few sheets of newsprint, it was then [1965] a very well established and highly regarded magazine which had been edited by **Dick Wilson** for more than five years after the death of its first editor, **Eric Halpern**. Dick, as you know, came from the *Financial Times* in London, and later became a well-known historian, writing several excellent books on China. So while Derek did a lot for the *FEER* in making it a lively political regional magazine and had some excellent in-depth analyses on business matters and political events, I feel Dick Wilson should be given his due for setting it on its feet in the 1950s." A United Press correspondent in East Asia when Wilson and then Derek edited the *Review*, the "People" columnist knows that Hutcheon is correct. See "New Books" for Hutcheon's latest work.

GLOVERSVILLE, New York:

William (Sandy) Colton, a *Pacific Stars & Stripes* photographer during the Korean War and later an AP photojournalist, reported in December: "After more than two years, five hospitals, numerous doctors and innumerable tests [my] latest biopsy came back negative. The cancer is gone, they say."

THE HAGUE: The five judges on the U.N. war crimes tribunal ruled in December that war correspondents would be required to testify only if the evidence sought was "of direct and important value in determining a core issue in the case" and "cannot reasonably be obtained elsewhere." The judges also annulled an earlier court order for **Jonathan Randel**, a former *Washington Post* correspondent, to appear as a witness against his will. *The Post*, supported by 34 news organi-

zations and professional groups, had challenged the court's subpoenaing of **Randel** (July/August *Bulletin*). The judges are from France, Guyana, Turkey, Sri Lanka and the United States.

HARARE: Reuters reported in December that a Zimbabwe judge dropped charges against three journalists with the weekly *Standard* who had been accused of "abuse of journalistic privileges by publishing falsehoods." The journalists, **Bornwell Chakaodza**, **Farai Mutsaka** and **Fungayi Kanyuchi**, had been free on bail since being charged last May "under laws that critics say are intended to muzzle opposition to President Robert Mugabe," Reuters wrote.

HOLLYWOOD, California: A new TV series titled *Global Tribe* travels the world to explore global issues and will start on PBS stations Jan. 29. The programs are produced by OPC member **Kathy Eldon** and hosted by her daughter, **Amy Eldon**. They are the mother and

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IWMF Awards Deadline

The International Women's Media Foundation announced that nominations for the 2003 IWMF Courage in Journalism Awards should be submitted between January 1 and March 14, 2003.

The foundation said the award, which includes a \$2,000 cash prize, "honors women working in the news media who have demonstrated extraordinary strength of character in pursuing their profession under difficult or dangerous circumstances—including physical danger, government oppression, political pressure or other intimidating obstacles." Up to three winners will be announced on World Press Freedom Day, May 3, 2003.

Nomination forms are available at www.iwmf.org/courage/nominate.php and questions should be directed to Amy Johnson, Director of Programs, IWMF, 1726 M Street NW, Suite 1002, Washington, DC 20036; Tel. (202) 496-1992. Fax (202) 496-1977. e-mail: ajohnson@iwmf.org

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sister of **Dan Eldon**, the Reuters photographer who was one of four journalists stoned to death by a mob in Somalia in 1993. In the first episode, Amy meets people struggling to make a living in a garbage dump outside Manila. In the next episode, she introduces viewers to a group of punk rockers living outside Mexico City on a mission to save their environment. The series was produced with KCET/Hollywood by Creative Visions, a production company founded by Kathy and Amy. The OPC Foundation's Dan Eldon scholarship is sponsored by his family and friends.

HONG KONG: Guy Searls, a long-time correspondent in Hong Kong and president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hong Kong in 1964, now is living in the Haven of Hope, a Hong Kong nursing home. Guy reported for the *London Observer*, Mutual Broadcasting and other media.

IRVINE, California: The career of the late OPC member **Richard Tregaskis** was reported in articles last year in *Raider Patch* and *Guadalcanal Echoes*, magazines published in Irvine by U.S. Marine Corps veterans and veterans of the Pacific War's Guadalcanal campaign during which Allied troops recaptured the island from the Japanese. Tregaskis covered the 1942-1943 Guadalcanal fighting for International News Service and wrote the book "Guadalcanal Diary," an instant World War II best seller that is still in print and was made into a movie in 1943 by 20th Century Fox. Later in Italy, German shrapnel ripped through Richard's helmet into his skull, barely touching his brain. Richard's widow, **Moana Tregaskis McGlaughlin**, also an OPC member, said her husband had to train the other

side of his brain to relearn to speak, trying to recite poetry to the nurses. Moana has loaned that battered helmet to the U.S. Marine Historical Foundation, "a memorable memento of how brave and dedicated our war correspondents were," the two magazines wrote. Richard and Moana were married in 1963 in Honolulu, where she still lives, and he died in 1973. They both reported from the Vietnam War. Moana now is married to retired U.S. Navy Captain **Thomas H. McGlaughlin**, a 1950 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

KADUNA, Nigeria: A Muslim state in Nigeria issued a religious decree late last year urging Muslims to kill **Isioma Daniel**, because she wrote an article in the newspaper *This Day* on the Miss World pageant that sparked deadly riots in northern Nigeria and left an estimated 220 dead and 400 injured. Daniel, a young woman who studied journalism in Britain, suggested in her article that the Prophet Muhammad would have approved of the beauty contest and might even have wanted to marry one of the contestants. Her editors said Daniel, the paper's style editor, resigned and fled to the United States. Reuters quoted the information commissioner in Zamfara state: "The Holy Koran has clearly stated that whoever insults the Prophet of Islam, Muhammad, should be killed."

In December **Kevin McDermott** and **Norman Schorr**, co-chairmen of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, sent a letter to Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo that read in part: "We implore you in the most urgent way to make clear your opposition to the fatwa decree against Isioma Danilek, a reporter for *This Day* newspaper.... We take heart from the comments of Information Minister Jerry Gana that the fatwa is 'null and void' and will not be enforced."

Scheduled to take place in Nigeria, the Miss World contest was moved to London after the riots and won in December by Miss Turkey, **Azra Akin**, 21, who was raised in the Netherlands by her Turkish parents.

KILLARNEY HEIGHTS, Australia: Russell Spurr, 80, who for many

years covered Asia for U.S., British and Hong Kong publications and television, tells what it means to be a retired foreign correspondent. "Things are getting pretty odd when you reach the end of the year and vainly try to say much about it," he wrote in December. "Perhaps that, in itself, can't be bad. In contrast with the world news, which I thoroughly absorb day after day, our everyday lives [with wife Rosemary, 76] are extremely uneventful."

MAPUTO, Mozambique: Six men have been charged with the murder two years ago by gunmen of **Carlos Cardos**, Mozambique's most prominent journalist. They were accused of killing the newsman to stop his investigative reporting on the disappearance of \$14 million from the Commercial Bank of Mozambique. OPC member **Rachel L. Swarns**, *The New York Times* Johannesburg bureau chief, reported: "Speaking during the opening of the trial [last November], one defendant said the son of President Joaquim Chissano had ordered the murder."

NEW YORK: New and old scenes for OPC Foundation Scholarship winners: **Drew Magratten**, who won the 2001 H. L. Stevenson Scholarship with his report on living with a Mayan Indian family in Guatemala, became an associate producer at CBS News in New York last January and hopes someday to work overseas. Magratten attended the **Chris Hedges** book night in the Club Nov. 13.

Rebecca Anne Goldenberg won the 1999 Theo Wilson Scholarship with an essay on tribal conflicts in Burundi and central Africa. Now she is back in Africa. Late last year in E-mail reports to OPC member **George Burns**, who monitors the Wilson Scholarship, Rebecca wrote: "It is ironic that I am here in Kasulu, just across the border to Burundi [since my scholarship essay] was about the war in Burundi.... All is well in Tanzania. I will continue my journey to the refugee camps, where I'll live and work for the next six months."

With the help of Princeton University's new alumni directory, **Jeremy Main**, a member of the OPC Foundation's board, located the following two scholarship winners and talked with them:

Christian Fung won the 1999 Schweisberg Scholarship with a report on how he bluffed his way into Afghanistan



(L-R) Richard Tregaskis, Moana Tregaskis and Rear Admiral Richardson aboard the USS Kitty Hawk while operating in the Tonkin Gulf in 1967.

by telling the Taliban he was trying to find their oil reserves. He lived in Vietnam for two months and wrote the Vietnam chapter in the travel book, "Let's Go to Southeast Asia." Now an officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development, Fung is regional director of the agency's HIV/AIDS program in Southeast Asia.

Nicholas Confessore used his 1998 Harper Magazine Scholarship in memory of **A. J. Liebling** to pay for a trip to South Africa, which was the theme of his senior thesis at Princeton. After graduating, he worked for the Washington magazine *American Prospect* and last year became a staff writer at *The Washington Monthly*.

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Peter Jennings, 64, now is producing four news documentaries a year for ABC News under a new contract that continues him as anchor of the network's "World



Peter Jennings News Tonight" for the next three years through 2007. The hour-long documentaries are produced by Jennings' new company, P. J. Productions. Financial terms of his new ABC contract were not disclosed, but *The New York Times* said his annual salary has been estimated at more than \$10 million.

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New York's *Daily News* reported on Dec. 2: "Emceeding a dinner for the Committee to Protect Journalists, **Tom Brokaw** drew laughs when he quipped that the task force reviewing the Columbia [University] journalism school's curriculum had more people than were in the packed ballroom." The NBC Nightly News anchor and OPC member was exaggerating in reverse the dinner audience. More than 1,000 guests attended the annual event in the Waldorf Astoria, raising more than \$1 million for the Committee.

As to Columbia University's review of its graduate journalism program, the *Daily News* said Columbia's task force numbers 34 members including OPC member **Steve Shepard**, *Business Week* editor in chief; **Bob Woodward**, *Washington Post*; **Rick Smith**, *Newsweek* editor-in-chief; **Ken Auletta**, *New Yorker*; and **Anna Quindlen**, *Newsweek* columnist and author.



Ignacio Gomez and Tipu Sultan

The dinner by the Committee to Protect Journalists honored **Daniel Pearl**, *The Wall Street Journal* correspondent who was murdered in Pakistan; **Ignacio Gómez**, a Colombian reporter; **Tipu Sultan**, a Bangladesh reporter; **Irina Petrushova**, editor-in-chief of the Kazakhstan business weekly *Respublika*; and **Feshaye Yohannes**, the still imprisoned writer and co-founder of *Setit*, an Eritrean newspaper (November *Bulletin*).



Irina Petrushova

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Lara Logan modeled swimsuits in college to earn extra money, and "British tabloids were obsessed with her looks" when she broadcast on a British morning show, New York's *Daily News* reported. But journalism was Lara's thing. She wrote for South African newspapers while a teenager and became a globe-trotting TV news producer and correspondent. Her radio reports from Afghanistan led to her becoming a correspondent and contributor to CBS News' "60 Minutes II." Logan's first report for the CBS news magazine was broadcast in December, a report on a woman who was kidnapped by the king of Swaziland and forced to become one of his 10 wives. As to joining CBS, Logan, 31, said: "It almost isn't real. What's real to me is struggling, because that's what I've done for 13 years."



Lara Logan

PARIS: The top editorial desk at the *International Herald Tribune* is changing hands while the New York Times Company becomes sole owner of the Paris-based daily by purchasing the Washington Post Company's 50 percent

share (December *Bulletin*). **David Ignatius**, 52, *IHT* executive editor since 2000, returns to *The Washington Post* as an associate editor writing a twice-weekly Op-Ed page column. **Walter Wells**, 59, who left the *IHT* in 2001 after working there 21 years, most recently as its managing editor, becomes the paper's consulting editor during the ownership transition and acting managing editor when the sale is completed. Wells was assistant national editor at *The Times* before joining the Paris daily.

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A French court dismissed a case against Italian journalist **Oriana Fallaci**, who was accused of inciting racial hatred for asserting in her book "The Rage and the Pride," among other things, that Muslims "multiply like rats." In November, the court rejected the request to ban the book or insert a warning about its contents. The court ruled the case was improperly filed. *The New York Times* reported that "Ms. Fallaci has been outspokenly critical of Muslim militancy since the Sept. 11 attacks. The case was brought by groups opposed to racism and human rights abuses." Fallaci, 73, a World War II Resistance fighter, writes for Milan's *Corriere della Sera*. She covered wars from Vietnam to the Persian Gulf and is "best known for her uncompromising interviews with world leaders," AP reported.



Oriana Fallaci

PEORIA, Illinois: OPC member **David C. Horowitz** received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, from Bradley University in December for his work as a journalist and consumer advocate. Horowitz delivered the university's December commencement address titled "Seize the Opportunity."

SOUTHPORT, Connecticut: Traveling together or in twos and threes last year, the nine women who wrote "War Torn: Stories of War from the Women Reporters Who Covered Vietnam" [Random House] made book tours across the country from the OPC in September to Washington, Naples and West Palm Beach in Florida, Estes Park, Colorado, Los Angeles and Honolulu. In
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November three of them spoke at Pequot Library in wealthy Southport, Connecticut. Sound bites: OPC member **Edie Lederer**, now chief AP correspondent at the U.N.: "It's 2002. What's the importance of looking back? I think that what this book does is shows what war does to the people who fight them, to the people whose country are fought in, to governments." Independent television producer **Laura Palmer**: "My opposition to the war never changed, and I thought it was a disaster on every level." Freelancer **Jurate Kazickas**: "It wasn't an easy time for women reporters. The men were very paternalistic" and uncomfortable having women in the field.

WASHINGTON: Longtime OPC member **Andrew L. Lluberes** in December became director of public affairs at the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the federal law enforcement organization that helped connect the dots in last year's

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and even one of Saddam Hussein's palaces.

The threatened war in Iraq may not produce as many satellite images as we think, Pike said. He called it very difficult to get these pictures "from a fast-moving war like this probably will be."

Dr. Bill Martel, the Alan Shepard Chair of Space Technology and Policy at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., was the fourth member of the panel. He said satellite companies are multinational now and harder to influence. He said it is now harder to hide military preparations from the satellites but added because of ability to use "denial and deception" interpretation of facts by the media remains difficult.

NBC's Robert Windrem said "when you're fighting a war on terror, the American public wants to see what's going on...By the end of this war satellite imagery will be a big factor." He added eventually the images will be three dimensional. "It's going to move as quick as the Internet build up."

In the question period the panel was asked what's to stop terrorists from using satellites to find American targets? Answer: You don't need a satellite to find landmarks like the World Trade Center.

investigation of the sniper attacks in the Washington area. A former correspondent and senior editor with UPI, Reuters and the U.S. Information Agency, **Lluberes** moved to his new post from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, where he was a spokesman and senior press adviser.

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The Washington Post called her "new kid on the block." In *The Post's* "The Reliable Source" column, **Lloyd Grove** wrote in November: "BBC News anchor **Mishal Husain** moved here from London just 2 1/2 months ago—to anchor the Washington end of BBC World's evening news show—and already she's making a splash." A viewer telephoned her for an address to send her flowers. She thanked him but said flowers were not necessary. Husain, 29, daughter of a Pakistani urologist, calls herself a liberal Muslim. Grove

wrote that she told him she has heard and read in the American media "a lot of deeply disturbing things about Islam, a lot of misinformation and disinformation. After Sept. 11th, there has been a real danger of confusing Islam and terrorism. This terrifies me. Islam is a religion of peace. But President Bush has done a really good job of reaching out."



Mishal Husain

IN MEMORY

Never a foreign-based correspondent, **Roone Arledge** was thrust into international news while serving as president of ABC Sports and later ABC News. At the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, Arledge shifted from supervising sports



Roone Arledge

coverage to reporting invasion of the Olympic Village by Arab terrorists who took 11 Israeli athletes hostage and later killed them. Arledge took over ABC News in 1977 and two years later got the first correspondent to Tehran after militant students seized the American embassy. He then persuaded ABC management to give him time for a nightly news special, "America Held Hostage," that continued for 400 nights until the hostage story ended. The

program then was renamed "Nightline" with international correspondent **Ted Koppel** as anchor and still continues. Arledge died Dec. 5 of cancer in a New York City hospital at age 71. His funeral at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church on Park Avenue was attended by media stars including **Walter Cronkite**, **Dan Rather**, **Connie Chung**, **Diane Sawyer**, **Geraldo Rivera**, **Michael Eisner** and **Rupert Murdoch**. Among the eulogies were those delivered by **Koppel**, **Barbara Walters** and **Peter Jennings**.

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Millard (Corky) Alexander, 73, founder and publisher of *Tokyo Weekender*, an English-language newspaper widely read in Japan's foreign community, suddenly lost consciousness Dec. 3 while attending a party with his wife **Mary** and their family in a friend's home, and was pronounced dead at a Tokyo hospital. Corky and **Sue Dibble**, daughter of the late UPI correspondent **Arnold Dibble**, published the first issue of *Tokyo Weekender* in 1970, and Corky ran it until his death. The weekly published columns on social doings of foreign residents, entertainment, movies and cultural events. **Susan Merk**, one of Corky and his wife's four daughters, now is managing editor of the *Weekender*. Corky went to Asia in the 1950s with a U.S. military combat photo squadron to cover the Korean War and had lived in Japan ever since, working for a U.S. Armed Forces magazine, *Pacific Stars & Stripes* and with a public relations firm he started.

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Ernest S. Leiser, 81, who covered Eastern Europe during the Cold War and helped direct CBS News' transition from radio to television, died of congestive heart failure Nov. 26 at his home in South Nyack, New York. Early in World War II, Leiser joined the U.S. Army and was a reporter for the Army newspaper *Stars & Stripes*. After the war, he reported from Europe for *Collier's* magazine and the Overseas News Agency. He joined CBS in 1953, spending more than three decades with the network as a reporter, producer and director of TV news. He reported from Africa, South America and mostly from Europe, where he was jailed briefly by the Communists while covering the 1956 revolt in Hungary. He also reported on strife in Czechoslovakia, Romania, East Germany and Bulgaria.

Leiser helped select **Walter Cronkite**, now an OPC member, to

anchor "CBS Evening News." When the evening program was expanded from 15 to 30 minutes, Leiser became its executive producer, and he made several reporting trips to the Vietnam War. OPC member **Dan Rather**, who was



Ernest S. Leiser

hired by Leiser and now anchors "CBS Evening News," commented: "Ernie almost single-handedly brought CBS News from radio into television." In the late 1960s, Leiser won Emmy Awards for three consecutive years with documentaries including one on life in Charlie Company, a Vietnam War infantry unit. Leiser spent three years at ABC News as an executive producer in the early 1970s before returning to CBS. After retiring in 1985, he wrote articles warning that the quality of network news was declining and served as a senior fellow at the Gannett Center for Media Studies at Columbia University.

Edward Bliss Jr., 90, a CBS News writer and editor for the network's **Edward R. Murrow**, **Fred Friendly** and **Walter Cronkite** and an executive assistant to **Richard S. Salant**, then president of CBS News, died in Washington, D.C., Nov. 25. Born of missionaries in China, Bliss joined CBS Radio News in 1943 after working on Ohio newspapers. After 25 years with CBS, he left the network in 1968 to teach at American University in Washington, where he started a broadcast journalism program. He wrote "Writing News for Broadcast," a textbook first published in 1971, and "Now the News: The Story of Broadcast Journalism" in 1991.

Agostino della Porta, 60, who wrote about inter-American relations for several wire services and reported from Latin America, died of cancer Nov. 11 at his home in Washington, D.C. From the early 1980s-2000, he was a Washington correspondent for the German news agency Deutsche Press-Agentur, covering political, diplomatic and economic issues related to Latin America. Born in Buenos Aires, della Porta began his journalism career in 1971 as an editor and translator on UPI's Latin American desk in New York. He later was a UPI correspondent in Brazil and Argentina. After

managing a private island and resort in the British Virgin Islands, he returned to New York in 1980 to work for AP. He also worked for the independent wire service Agencia Diarios y Noticias in Argentina, the Scripps-Howard Spanish language service, and as a translator for the Smithsonian Institution and the Inter-American Development Bank. His wife, **Barbara Rehm della Porta**, is managing editor of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered."

Mark Chavunduka, 37, a leader in the fight for a free press in Zimbabwe, died Nov. 11 in Harare of unknown causes. He was the former editor of the *Standard*, an award-winning weekly, and a 2000-2001 Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. In 1999, Chavunduka was arrested and tortured for writing about an alleged coup plot against President Robert Mugabe. Chavunduka's family said he had been in poor health and suffered from nightmares after his detention when he was beaten and burned with electric shocks.

Irmgard Lawrence, wife of **Tony Lawrence**, a longtime British correspondent in Asia, died in Hong Kong Oct. 6 of pneumonia after being bedridden for weeks following a bad fall. They had been married 55 years. Tony, 90, came to Asia from England 46 years ago as a BBC correspondent and since 1974 has reported from around the region for several broadcasters, often accompanied in his travels by his wife. For the past many years, he and Irmgard lived in Hong Kong.

Heinz Grabner, 65, manager of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hong Kong, 1981-1993, died in Perth, Australia, Sept. 16 of prostate cancer. He arrived at the Club just in time to steer it through its move from Sutherland House, an office building, to

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

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very collaborative and embracing style."

The breakfast with Scheele was the second in a series inaugurated earlier this year by former OPC President Larry Martz to discuss topics of interest to the international business community. Pete Peterson, chairman of the Blackstone Group, was the first speaker in September.



Heinz and Josephine Grabner

its present location in Ice House that once housed apartments and offices for British employees of a food company. Born in Salzburg, Grabner worked in hotels in Paris and Hong Kong before managing the Club, opened a Mexican restaurant in Hong Kong after leaving the Club and retired to Australia with his wife Josephine.

DAN RATHER

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about how to break into the ranks of foreign correspondents. Thanks to David Schlesinger and Alexis Gelber, respectively, for making those visits possible.

As president of the foundation, I can report that the board and I are pleased and proud at how our program keeps developing. Aside from attracting support from top news organizations, we made big strides this year in attracting more applications from the best journalism programs in the country. What started out in 1991 as a New York-area competition in which just two students won scholarships of \$1,000 has blossomed into the most prominent scholarship program for aspiring correspondents.

We also are concluding a successful fund-raising drive and have been able to retain a director for the foundation, Brooke Janis. She had many years of experience at CBS News.

Judging the flood of applications this year were Bernard Gavzer (chair), John Corporon, Deidre Depke, Earleen Fisher, Fred Ferguson, Don Hinrichsen, Ed Jackson, Felice Levin, Josephine Lyons, Larry Martz, Rosalind Massow, Robert Solby, Sam Summerlin, Don Underwood and myself. Luncheon tickets are \$50 for OPC members and \$75 for non-members. Friend tables of 10 are available for \$2,000. Patron tables of 10 are \$5,000. All this to benefit the OPC Foundation scholarships. Invitations will be mailed after January 1. For further details, contact Brooke Janis at 212-626-9220 or 212-734-0495.

Vienna Press Freedom Meetings Call for Widespread Reforms

by Norman A. Schorr

Co-chair, Freedom of the Press
Committee

VIENNA: A World Summit on the Information Society, organized under UN auspices; a new worldwide News Safety institute; resolutions condemning threats, attacks and restrictions on the press in Venezuela, Poland, Zimbabwe, Russia and Cuba; and a resolution denouncing murder and other violence against journalists.

These were among the principal actions and issues addressed at the meeting of the Coordinating Committee of Press Freedom Organizations held in conjunction with the International Press Institute's 10th Anniversary celebration in Vienna, November 21-24. An OPC representative attended both meetings as an official observer.

The International News Safety Institute is being established by the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and the International Press Institute

(IPI) to make journalists and media workers throughout the world safer than they have been. The new institute aims to develop and promote constructive practices in effective safety training programs, safety materials and other assistance to journalists and other media staff. Guidelines on the safety issue have already been produced by news organizations including IFJ, IPI, CNN, BBC, Reuters and the Associated Press.

The UN-sponsored World Summit on the Information Society will deal with matters concerning new communication technologies as well as printed materials, broadcasting and cyberspace.

The World Summit is being organized to raise awareness among political leaders at the highest level about the implications of the Information Society and the opportunities and challenges it will bring. The Summit has meetings scheduled in Geneva, Switzerland in 2003, and in Tunis, Tunisia in 2005. The program is being conducted under the auspices

of UN secretary-general Kofi Annan.

The World Press Freedom Committee has warned that many old enemies of free expression from the 1970s and 1980s (sponsors of proposals for restrictions against the media) are "lurking in the background," preparing to introduce and support proposals to restrict the media. Some of the threatening organizations have registered to participate in the Summit, and free expression organizations have advised that there is reason to be concerned. Press freedom advocates are being urged to register as participants in order to resist any introduction of restrictive proposals (of the sort that led the U.S. to leave UNESCO for many years before returning in 2002).

The Coordinating Committee passed a resolution condemning the Venezuelan government for systematically violating freedom of expression and freedom of the press within the meaning of the Declaration of Chapultepec and the OAS Declaration of Principles on the Freedom of Expression. A film illustrating combative attacks on journalists by the government led by President Hugo Chavez was shown.

In other resolutions passed by the Coordinating Committee it reported that it has been following with concern the rapid degradation of press freedom in Russia; denounced the vigorous legal harassment campaign that has been launched against the independent newspaper *Rzeczpospolita* in Poland; and condemned in strongest possible terms Zimbabwe's decision to introduce enforced accreditation of news media.

Other resolutions stressed the importance of preserving and extending press freedom on the Internet, particularly in the context of the upcoming World Summit on the Information Society; and insisted that news media in cyberspace and international satellite broadcasts should have the same freedom of expression as traditional news media.

The meeting also presented an opportunity for Rafael Marques, the Angolan editor imprisoned for his work and whose release had been urged by OPC among other press freedom organizations, to express his appreciation privately for OPC's efforts.

JOURNALIST RUTH GRUBER

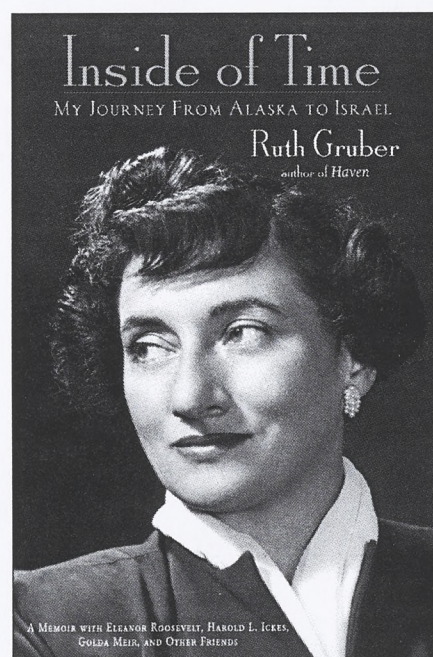
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as she shepherded about 1,000 Holocaust survivors from the concentration camps of Europe to a refugee camp in upstate New York. This part of her story was made into a CBS mini-series "Haven" which aired in February 2001 and starred Natasha Richardson as Ruth Gruber.

After the war Ruth returned to journalism and in this book she describes her encounters with Eleanor Roosevelt, David Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir who shared homespun wisdom over homemade cookies in her Tel Aviv apartment.

Ruth is a remarkable woman who was a pioneering eyewitness to history in an extraordinary time. Kati Marton, who had her own book night in November at the OPC, wrote the bookjacket tribute to Ruth Gruber. "It is simply astonishing to realize what an amazing life Ruth Gruber has led. In *Inside of Time* she takes us from Alaska to her historic reporting of a ship called *Exodus*, with characteristic fearlessness and passion. An inspirational story, especially to young women."

Ruth Gruber will speak to the OPC on



Cover of "Inside of Time"

Thursday, January 16 at 5:30pm at Club Quarters. Books will be available for signing. For reservations please call the OPC at 212-626-9220 or email: sonya@opcofamerica.org

FAY GILLIS WELLS

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Wells. Post got actor and humorist Will Rogers to replace her on the flight, and they both were killed when their plane crashed in Alaska.

For *The New York Times*, Fay covered the 1934 coronation of Pu Yi as Japan's puppet emperor of Manchuko. Fay and Linton spent their honeymoon covering the Italian invasion of Abyssinia (Ethiopia) and the Syrian riots for the *Herald Tribune*.

She reported from Hollywood for the *HT* in 1936, and in 1938 broadcast with her husband from every Latin American country except Paraguay (no air connection), proving the feasibility of short wave broadcasting for RCA. In 1941 at the suggestion of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Fay and Linton investigated places in Africa as possible locations for a Jewish homeland, and after Pearl Harbor they headed the U.S. Commercial Company in West Africa, buying strategic materials for the war effort.

They returned to the States in 1946 after the birth of their son. For a time, they lived on a houseboat while she designed yacht interiors, patented a fold-away table in a sofa for boats and wrote a syndicated column, "Nautical Notebook," for the *Herald Tribune*. Her husband died in 1977.

ON TO WASHINGTON

In 1963, Fay opened the Washington news bureau of Storer Broadcasting Company and covered the administrations of Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter. She was one of three women

correspondents who accompanied Nixon on his 1972 trip to China.

In 1976 to honor pioneers of flight and space, the "Ninety-Nines" established the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas, Amelia Earhart's birthplace. Fay served as co-chairman of the Forest's annual ceremonies and was actively planning this year's events at the time of her death.

Always interested in children, Fay spoke to elementary and middle school classes during annual visits to Atchison. After meeting Fay, Sara Rimmerman, then a 13-year-old Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, school girl, wrote a published biography of Fay titled "Hidden Heroine: Fay Gillis Wells." The book ends: "Fay Gillis Wells states that she would not wish to re-live her life because she has had so many opportunities come 'flying' her way. Possibly the second time she might not be so fortunate! She is a heroine never to be forgotten!"

Sara's sister, Rachel, then 10, wrote a poem for the book. The last verse:

From parachutes to

Forest and correspondents

To honeymoon...

Fay Gillis Wells is alive

*With us and her amazing stories
and tunes.*

To remember Fay, her family suggests donations to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, c/o Charlene Falkenberg, 618 South Washington Street, Hobart, Indiana, 46342, or the International Forest of Friendship, P. O. Box 99AE, Atchison, Kansas 66002.

NEW BOOKS

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Bea and Robin Hutcheon

George Chinnery (1774-1852), who sketched and painted scenes of China and its people.

Now living in Australia, Hutcheon has written a book on George Marden, former chairman and taipan of Wheelock Marden & Company, a major Hong Kong conglomerate. In the 1930s Marden took over the struggling, Canadian-owned Wheelock & Company, then based in Shanghai, and built the company into an operation that rivaled Jardine and Swires. Wheelock Marden deals in shipping, real estate, currency, shares, transportation, aviation, industry and infrastructure. In the 1960s, Marden's company built Hong Kong's first cross-harbor tunnel that enables automobiles to travel between Hong Kong island and the Kowloon peninsula, a crossing that until then was limited to ferry boats (the Star Ferry still operates, a 7 to 10-minute crossing, first-class fare about 9 U.S. cents, perhaps the world's cheapest boat ride), water taxis and helicopters. Hutcheon's book includes photos, cartoons and illustrations of old Shanghai. Priced at U.S.\$25 including postage, the book may be ordered from Robin Hutcheon, 902/170 Ocean Street, Edgecliff, NSW, 2027, Australia.

EUROPE

• In a hand-printed note to the *Bulletin*, OPC member **Hugh Mulligan** wrote: "Bless me, Father, as I have committed a novel." Mulligan, who traveled the world for AP and retired as its special correspondent, is author of the December-published "A Christmas to Forget at 221B" [Hillipnd & Harris]. His note describes his book: "It is a Sherlock Holmes Christmas story—inspired by my 10-year AP stint in London and my lifelong addiction to the Holmesian canon. It takes all the suspense out of what my friends are getting for Christmas."

OPC Awards Information

Deadline: Tuesday, January 28, 2003

The Awards Applications have been mailed to several thousand people including each of the OPC members. In addition, a printable application is available on the OPC website: go to www.opcofamerica.org and click on 2002 AWARDS APPLICATION.

There have been several changes in the awards. Some of which are outlined here:

OPC Annual Awards Dinner

Thursday, April 24, 2003

1. New Award for Feature Photography.

2. Separating the award showing a concern for the human condition into The Madeline Dane Ross Award for the print medium and The Carl Spielvogel Award for the broadcast media..

3. Many of the rules for award entries have been tightened up at the request of recent judges.

New Books

GLOBAL

• OPC member **Allan A. Swenson's** two latest books are written from careers as opposite as black and white. A former U.S. Army intelligence officer, he wrote "The Complete Idiot's Guide to the CIA" [Alpha]. As a veteran garden columnist with a TV program "Dr. Plant," Swenson wrote "Flowers of the Bible and How To Grow Them" [Citadel Press].

The CIA book, written with author **Michael Benson**, deals with careers in the CIA, gadgets and gizmos used by spies, how Sept. 11 changed the CIA, spy planes and satellite surveillance, conspiracy theories surrounding President Kennedy's assassination, mind control and drug experiments during the Cold War, and what the CIA is doing to protect the American people.

In his Biblical flowers book, Swenson writes: "Flowers of the Bible are alive and thriving today, perhaps much closer to your home than you may realize. You probably pass some of them on your way to work or have a few in your home garden already. Anemones, crocuses, hyacinths, irises, lilies and tulips all have their historic roots in the soil of the Holy Land and in the Scriptures too."

ASIA

• **Arthur J. Dommen** was a UPI correspondent in Vietnam and Hong Kong,

1959-1963, and from 1969-1971 he reported for the *Los Angeles Times* from Tokyo, New Delhi, Paris for the Vietnam negotiations and back to Saigon. He traveled widely to meet leaders and peoples of the three Indochina nations, worked as an international economist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and wrote deeply researched books on Indochina.

In his latest book "The Indochinese Experience of the French and Americans: Nationalism and Communism in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam" [Indiana University Press], Dommen, 68, summarizes the history of the Indochina peninsula from Vietnam's war of independence from China, 930-939, through the first French military actions in 1858 and to the 20th century French and American wars. Dommen's publisher wrote: "Meticulous and detailed, Dommen's telling of this complicated story is judicious and cautious in its judgments. Nevertheless, many people will find his analysis of the [Ngo Dinh] Diem coup a disturbing account of American plotting and murder."

Meanwhile, in a letter published in *The New York Times* in November, Dommen labeled as futile negotiations between Cambodia and the international community to place Khmer Rouge leaders on trial for their killing fields. In the letter from his home in Bethesda, Maryland, he wrote in part: "One would have thought the international community would have concluded long ago that this is a futile pursuit, since it is not the wish of King Norodom Sihanouk, who would undoubtedly be the principal witness in any such trial. When he was

restored to the throne in September 1993, he antedated his reign to before the period when the Khmer Rouge were in power. By doing so, King Sihanouk accepted a responsibility for the crimes committed by the Khmer Rouge, who were his allies."

• **Anh Vu Sawyer**, one of the last people evacuated from Saigon while Communist troops took over the city, and OPC member **Pam Proctor**, describe the struggles of the Vietnamese woman and her family to survive the war in "Song of Saigon: One Woman's Journey to Freedom" [New York: Warner Books]. The publisher wrote: "In vivid and riveting detail, the author recounts a childhood hanging in the balance as the chaos around her threatens to tear her family apart....an inspiring memoir of unshakable faith and survival that comes full circle when Anh Vu return to Vietnam nearly 24 years later on a very personal humanitarian mission." Author Proctor, a former senior editor at *Parade* magazine, has written books on TV personalities Sally Jessy Raphael and Willard Scott.

• China and Hong Kong have been **Robin Hutcheon's** life. Born and raised in Shanghai, he edited Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post* for many years. In the mid-1950s, **Beatrice Greaves**, also born in Shanghai, was a reporter on that English-language newspaper, where she met fellow journalist Robin. They married after going out together for a year. While running the *Post*, Hutcheon wrote several books including one on the British artist

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**MEET
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